GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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HIV VACCINE FOR CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to prescribe Haemophilus Influenzae type B (HIB) vaccine to children to protect them against pneumonia;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) Yes sir. The Government of India is considering introducing HIB vaccine in Pentavalent vaccine in the Immunization Programme for preventing pneumonia. However, no decision has been taken as yet.